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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
APPLICATION NO. 10/090,561

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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
(Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c))

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination and respectfully requests entry and consideration of the remarks provided with this paper.

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This Amendment is filed in reply to an Office Action made final and mailed June 5, 2006, that established a three-month shortened statutory time period to respond. Applicants submit that this response is timely filed with a Petition for Extension of Time for three months and the appropriate fees.

Applicants first wish to thank the Examiner for agreeing to and holding an Interview with Applicants on July 11, 2006. In view of several considerations raised by the Examiner during the interview and in light of the following amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment believed necessary to bring prosecution to a speedy conclusion and to deal justly by Applicants and the public. Applicants believe the Amendment provided herewith defines their invention in claims that will give them patent protection to which they are justly entitled. This Amendment does not require an additional search on the part of the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and request allowance of claims pending in their Application.

In response to the Office Action, please reconsider the above-identified Application for patent as provided in:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3;

Remarks begin on page 7; and

Conclusion begins on page 10 of this paper.